ALMOST A MILLION BOOKS TO BE LISTED IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY.

MR. YOUNG'S GREAT TASK-METHODS OF CATA- having special reference to the classification,

LOGUING THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED. Washington, Sept. 18.-John Russell Young, the new Librarian of Congress, in the work of preparing a subject catalogue of the National Library will have an immense undertaking before him. How great it is will be seen from the fact that the collection now embraces over 745,000 volumes, besides about 220,000 pamphleis. Cataloguing is almost, if not quite, a business by itself, involving, as it does, a considerable knowledge of books and of the methods and rules for classifying and arranging them There are various kinds of library catalogues and several different codes of rules for doing the work. The catalogue of a library corresponds to the index of a book; it is a key or guide to the contents. But it may be an inlex of proper names, an index of subjects, or an alphabetical arrangement of both. So the catalogue of a library may be arranged with reference to the names of authors, with the works of each in order; it may be arranged upon a topical plan, in classes, divisions and sections, so that all the works on a given subject may be found together; finally, it may be arranged alphabetically, so that a person knowing the book or author he desires may find either as he finds a word in the dictionary.

The value of any large library may be said to vary with the character and completeness of its catalogues. A large collection of books without an adequate catalogue is likely to be as confusing as a labyrinth. A scholarly writer, Edward Edwards, in his work on public libraries says: "There is no matter connected with the administration of a public library which in point of importance can vie with the character and condition of its catalogues. However liberal its accessibilities, however able its chief, however large and well selected its stores of books. it will fall lamentably short of the true standard of a good library if its catalogues be not well constructed, well kept up with the growth of its collection and thoroughly at the command of its frequenters."

While it is important that a catalogue should show the complete contents of a library, that is not, perhaps, its chief purpose. The most important purpose of a catalogue is to enable a person to find any book that he may be in search of; and akin to that purpose, and sometimes of even greater importance in a catalogue, is the facility with which it enables a person to find all the different works which a library contains especially relating to a given subject. The value of any library must be enhanced to the student, teacher or writer in proportion as this last desideratum is completely and thoroughly attained.

Systems of cataloguing vary as related to these purposes; and, these alms considered, librarians differ greatly as to what constitutes the best system. A catalogue of authors, giving the works of each, beyond determining the contents of a library, must necessarily be valuable in enabling the searcher to find special works of any author. The Congressional Library already possesses a complete catalogue of this kind.

Nearly all large libraries possess more than one kind of catalogue, thus securing the special advantages belonging peculiarly to each. Out of 191 of the largest libraries in the United States reporting in answer to the circular sent out by the American Library Association, all but twenty-one had some kind of a subject catalogue Either the author and subject catalogues were distinct and separate, or the author and subject entries were combined in a single alphabet. It is not unlikely that in time the Congressional Library may possess all of the best varieties in

The first catalogue of the Library of Congress embraced only 964 volumes and nine maps. It was issued by the Librarian, John Beckley, in 1802, from the press of William Duane, and represented at that time the only library of reference at the National capital. After the books were burned by order of Admiral Cockburn in Mr. Jefferson's books, of which 6,700 were plan of Bacon's classification of the sciences, and the catalogue made after this plan embraced 175 alphabets in arbitrary sequence, so that as Ben: Perley Poore says, "It required an intimate knowledge of the library to use it without great waste of time."

At a later date it was frequently difficult to follow the references. Mr. Wheatley, an English writer, says: "An extreme case of misleading references is given in the Index of Authors appended to the old 'Classified Catalogue of the Library of Congress' (Washington, 1840). The references here are not to pages but to chapters, and as some of the chapters extend over one hundred pages it may be guessed that a very tedlous search has to be made; for instance, to find the reference Abdy it is necessary to look over as many as seventy pages."

The former practice among librarians of giving each book a fixed location on a particular shelf has in a measure been superseded with the class sified systems of cataloguing, the location of any book becoming relative to the topic under which it is classed. This may be illustrated: A librarian with a vein of humor labelled his general works dictionaries, etc., "Lore"; ancient histories. "Yore"; war histories, "Gore"; sermons and speeches, "Roar"; poetry, etc., "Soar," and political economy, "Snore." Now it is evident that if that librarian had concluded to change the "Gore" division of his library to the "Roar" stacks, and vice versa, though all the volumes would have been shifted, each would have retained its relative position.

Under some systems attempts are even made to make the position of the book as well as class number significant. Thus books may be arranged chronologically in the order of their publiestion, or of the development of the topics on which they treat; they may be arranged in the order of their approach to theory and practice, and they may be arranged in the order of their recognized value as authority on any subject. Such a system, thoroughly wrought out, gives to one familiar with it far more defi-



MAKING OF A CATALOGUE | nite power than the command of an army affords | IN THE CYCLING WORLD. to its general; indeed, far greater power, if books contain any potency and knowledge is all it is said to be.

The difficulties of classification in the Congressional Library of recent years, and the consequent difficulties of preparing a catalogue have been largely due to lack of room in arranging the volumes. In his report to the World's Library Congress, Librarian Spofford called the system of classification in use the 'adjustable or eclectic," and of the classification and shelving said: "For example: Political economy is numbered 25, Government is 25.7. and the label of a book on government might read 25.7-5082, the denominator being the shelf mark. Under each subject books are arranged alphabetically by authors' names as far as possible. Individual biography in six great classes, alphabeted by subjects; collective biography, fiction, poetry, polygraphy, etc., by authors. Would prefer a more thorough subdivision of the great classes of subjects, and an extension of alphabetle arrangement by authors." Mr. Spofford emphasized these difficulties in a special report under date of December 2, 1895.

The plan and details of work on the new catalogue will be arranged with especial reference to securing clearness and accuracy. As mistakes happen in the best regulated families, so are they likely to occur even in the best catalogue work. Aside from mere errors in spelling and typography, carelessness in classifying, erroneous translations and blunders as to meaning may happen. It seems amusing to find entered under the head of "Medicine" in the Aster Library catalogue Balzac's society satire, Physiologie du Mariage, ou Meditations de Philosophic Eclectique sur le Bonheur et le Maiheur Conjugal." In the same list "Lives of Judges Infamous as Tools of Tyrants" were catalogued under "Jurisprudence," and "The itudiments of Chinese Language with Dialogues, Exercises and a Vocabulary," under "Oriental Philosophy."

Sometimes an entry not absolutely wrong is misleading. Thus the casual reader is likely to be startled by an entry in the card catalogue of the Boston Public Library: "God, see

Certain blunders in cataloguing have become historie. Wheatley gives an account of one K. Broch who was put down as an author of an etymology. It appears that the anonymous author had signed himself "J. K.," and "Broch" had been inserted to explain that the book was a brochure!

D'Israeli gives no Instance of a biograpaer of Ciampini, one Ferdinand Fabiani, who, quoting from a French book of travels, gave the name of the author found at the end of the title page as "Earichi de deux Listes," that is, Mr. Enriched with Two Lists!

Where the rule is followed of inserting the real names of authors as well as their pseudonymes, difficulties are likely to be encountered. Thus cataloguers have been perplexed to know whether Stepniak was Mikhail Dragomanoff or Michaelovitch Kraychinsky.

Librarian Russell has not yet decided on the code of rules to be followed in cataloguing. though it will doubtless be, as heretofore, a specially adapted system.

#### MR. HARGROVE'S RESIGNATION.

NOT DUE TO ANY DISAGREEMENT WITH MRS. TINGLEY, BUT ON ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL EXIGENCIES.

Ernest T. Hargrove, who has resigned the presidency of the Theosophical Society in America, was a Tribune reporter yesterday. Mr. Hargrove denied that his resignation was owing to any quarrel with Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley, the sucressor of the late William Q. Judge.

"Statements," said Mr. Hargrove, "have appeared in the press to the effect that I have claimed to have made financial sacrifices in order to work for the Theosophical Society. This is incorrect, for in the first place I have made no such claim, and in the second place I do not consider that I have sacrificed anything worth a moment's consideration in order to do such work as I have done.

"Suggestions have also appeared, which are entirely contrary to fact, in regard to my attitude toward Mrs. Tingley. one point of view, that these have appeared in 1814, and the library of ex-President Jefferson print, as it enables me once more to express my purchased, his plan of cataloguing was adopted. profound admiration for Mrs. Tingley's marvellous ability as a leader and for the nobility of her character. The work she does is carried on at immense personal sacrifice, and I need hardly say that she receives absolutely no remuneration for world to-day whose disposition toward myself is more kindly than is hers.

"As to the Theosophical movement, at no time in the past have its prospects appeared more promising. Under Mrs. Tingley's wise guidance it will undoubtedly continue to make enormous strides, not only in America, but in all parts of the world. E. A. Neresheimer, who, owing to my resignation, has become the acting president of the Theo-sophical societies in America and in other countries, is a man whom every one respects for his unchallenged integrity, his uprightness and his strength of character. During my absence on the rusade around the world Mr. Nereshelmer had an crusade around the world Mr. Neresneimer had an invaluable experience in conducting the affairs of the society, which will enable him to act to-day with the least possible expenditure of time. He is a busy man and a very successful man of business, as every one knows, and could not, of course, permit anything to interfere with his outstanding duties. An hour a week will be amply sufficient to enable him to conduct the current business of the secret.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Neresheimer are very old members of the Theosophical Society, and were personally acquainted with Mms. Blavatsky. Mrs. Neresheimer has rendered Mrs. Tingley great as-sistance in the work of the Lotus Home, in which

personally acquainted with Mme. Bavatsky. Mrs. Neresheimer has rendered Mrs. Tingley great assistance in the work of the Lotus Home, in which she is deeply interested."

With reference to his resignation of the editorship of the magazine "Theosophy" Mr. Hargrove said that Mrs. Tingley had consented to take his place. He added: "It has been widely reported in the press that I am going to return to England. This is not correct. America has become my home, and I intend to live and work in this country—on what lines I do not yet know, as I have made no fixed plans for the future."

The letter from Mr. Hargrove, dated August 29, announcing his resignation to the members of the society, declares: "On account of serious financial events in America, which concern me intimately. I shall be obliged to enter the business world and devote my energies to business occupations for some time to come. It will therefore become necessary for me to resign the office I now have the honor to hold as president of the Theosophical Society in America. My resignation as president will be formally submitted at the next annual convention of the society. You will then be called upon to elect my successor to the office, and on that account I now give you early notice of my intention. Similar notice is being sent to the members of the Theosophical societies in Europe and Australia. Mr. Hargrove them declares that it will be his carnest desire to resume an active share in Theosophical work when practicable, and that he will continue to devote all the time, money and thought at his disposal to that work.

Another letter to the vice-president and the members of the Executive Committee declares that Mr. Hargrove had intended to defer his resignation until April, but that owing to the kindness of Mr. Nereshelmer, who was willing to take the burden on his shoulders, the resignation would be possible immediately, and would go into effect on September 12.

#### ARTHUR B. MEEKER'S EXPULSION.

WHY HE WAS DROPPED FROM THE UNION

It came out yesterday that the name of the n ber expelled from the Union League Club, of which mention was made in The Tribune some days ago, is Arthur B. Mecker. He had been a member of the club since 1282. The resolution of expulsion was determined upon at the regular monthly meeting of the members on Thursday evening, September 9. the last few months Meeker has been in somewhat serious difficulties. On May 5 last he was charged in the Yorkville Police Court with passing a worthless check on E. J. Solomon, a florist, of No. 1,479 Breadway. Solomon complained that Meeker went

CONDITION OF THE ROADS IN THE SUBURBS. CLUB RUNS ARRANGED FOR TO-DAY-WILL

PRESIDENT POTTER BE A CANDIDATE?-THE

SPORT AT SPRINGFIELD THE BEST OF

THE YEAR-NOTES AND COMMENTS Reports from road correspondents, received at the office of the New-York State Division, show that, although the roads are somewhat dusty, riding within a radius of fifty miles of this city is generally good. Fair weather is predicted for to-day. In this city St. Nicholas-ave, is in poor shape on account of scattered stones. The Police Department has placed bicycle policemen on the avenue to stop the reprehensible scorching habit. Seventh-ave, is being repaired from Onehundred-and-tenth to One-hundred-and-forty-One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st. is now asphalted from St. Nicholas-ave, to Madison-ave. The roads in Harlem and West Chester are for the most part in good condition, though

On the route from New-York the Sing Sing roads at Kingsbridge and further on at Hastings are reported as in good shape. This refers both to earth and macadam reads. At Sing Sing the macadam roads are good but dusty, and the earth roads are poor. All the roads there are reported as dusty, and the hills as covered with loose rolling stones. In Fishkill, on the road to Poughkeepsie, earth roads are dusty, as are all the roads in the vicinity of that town. In Chappaqua (White Plains route) the carth roads are fair. The hills are badly washed and dusty, Reports from the west of the Hudson River show that the roads in Newburg are in good condition. Macadam roads in Cornwall are good, but earth roads are bad. All roads in Haverstraw are dusty and cut up. Lamp, bell and sidewalk ordinances are enforced there. In Montgemery the earth roads are fine, and in Port Jervis they were rever better. Roads in all directions here are in good shape.

From New-Jersey correspondents it is learned that the roads in Plainfield are in fine condition. Lamps and bells are required. This ordinance is also in force in Rahway. The roads there are good. The way to Six Roads is not yet completed. In Elizabeth the macadam roads are fair. No sidewalk riding is allowed. Main-st. in Metuchen is being macadamized. The macadam road in New-Brunswick is fine; the earth roads are good. In Trenton the roads are dusty and heavy. Reports from Shrewsbury show that the earth roads there are good but somewhat dusty.

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In Brooklyn the roads are for the most part dusty, though ridable. Care should be taken on dusty, though ridable. Care should be taken on the Cycle Path, especially at night, on account of carriages crossing between the Park and Twenty-second-ave. The Boulevard is still under

In Long Island City and Whitestone, on the north shore of Long Island, the roads are good Jackson-ave. Long Island City, from the foot of Jackson-ave, Long Island, the roads are good-Jackson-ave, Long Island City, from the foot of the last hill across the meadows to Flushing is being repaired. The road from College Point to Whitestone is in good shape. There is good riding from Flushing to Whitestone and from Whitestone to Willets Point. Further down the island in Oyster Bay the roads are good. Going through the central part of Long Island it is found that the roads in Richmond Hill are not ridable on account of deep dust. All side-walks there are ploughed up preparatory to flagging. Macadam roads in Lawrence, Long Island, are reported as fine, although the riding on the earth roads is not pleasant. Cyclists going to Lawrence can save nearly two miles by turning off the Merrick Road at Valley Stream. The road to Lawrence Beach is excellent for wheelmen. Further down on the south shore of the island reports show that both macadam and earth roads are good.

ranged for to-day are as follows:

Manhattan Bicycle Club-Touring in New-Jersey, starting at 9 a. m. from Flity-seventh-st. and Seventh-ave.

Greenwich Wheelmen-Random run, starting at 9 a. m. from No. 238 West Twenty-flith-st.

St. George Beyele Club-To Hempsteed, starting at 9 a. m. from Twenty-sixth-st, and Modison-ave Excelsion Cycle Club-Bandom run, starting at 9 a. m. from Sixty-flith-st, and Boulevard.

Century Wheelmen-To Ry-Besech starting at 820 a. m., to New-Rechelle, starting at 945 a. m. it of Mount Verhon, starting at 2 p. m., all runs starting from No. 146 West Seventy-first-st.

Fleetwood Wheelmen-To Bergen Point, starting at 8 a. m. from Cubhouse, Fleetwood.

Klondike Wheelmen-To Paterson, starting at 8 a. m. from No. 25 Ninth-ave.

Double X Coterie Wheelmen-To Oranges, starting at 8 a. m. from No. 12 Second-ave.

Royal Arcanum Wheelmen-To Bath Beach, starting at 9 a. m.; to Coney Island, starting at 2 p. m., both runs starting from No. 25 West Minely-ninth-st.

Yorkville Wheelmen-Pandom run, starting at 9 Manhattan Bicycle Club-Touring in New-Jersey tarting at 9 a. m. from Fifty-seventh-st. and

Yorkville Wheelmen-Bandom run, starting at 9 i. m. from No. 215 East Eighty-seventh-st. Bescobel Wheelmen-To Tarrytown starting at A m. from No. 25 East Eighty-seventh-st.

Boscobel Wheelmen-To Tarrytown, starting at 9-25 a. m. from clothouse, High Bridge.

Morris Wheelmen-To Rve Beach, starting at 9-25 a. m. from clothouse, High Bridge.

Morris Wheelmen-To Rve Beach, starting at 9-25 a. m. to New-Rochelle, starting at 2-9 m. from No. 636 East One-hundrod-and-Thirty-sixth-st.

Lyceum Wheelmen-To Freeport, starting at 9-2 m. from No. 25 Berldan Square.

Linwood Wheelmen-To Babylon, starting at 9-2 m. from No. 25 East Broadway.

Triumph Wheelmen-To the Hadson County Boulevard, starting at 9-2 m. from No. 25 West One-hundred-and-fifty-seventh-st. and St. Ann's-ave.

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Tremont Wheelmen-To Yonkers, starting at 9
a m from clubhouse. Tremont.
Union League Wheelmen-To places on Long
Island, starting at 9 a. m. from clubhouse.
Mount Morris Wheelmen-To Tottenville, starting at 9 a. m. from West One-hundred-and-twenty-

m from No. 21 West Green, arth-st.

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Culumet Wheelmen-To Staten Island, starting t \$30 a. m. from Sixtleth-st. and Honlevard.

White Cycle Club-Run through Westchester county, starting at 2 a. m. from West Fifty-

Brooklyn Bicycle Club—To Pompton Lake, start-ng at 8:15 a.m. from No. 89 Hanson Place, Brooklyn.

Brooklyn.

Waverley Bleyele Club-To Staten Island, starting at 9 a. m. from Fulton-st. Brooklyn.

Kings County Wheelmen-Run along Merrick Road, starting at 9 a. m. from Bedford-ave, and

toad, starting at 9 a. m. from Bedford-ave, and beginst, Brooklyn.

Prospect Wheelmen-To East Orange, starting at a. m. from clubhouse, Brooklyn.

Concord Wheelmen-To Hudson County Boule-ard, starting at 9 a. m. from No. 123 Gold-st., trooklyn.

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South Brooklyn Wheelmen—To College Point, Starting at 3 a. m. from No. 426 Ninth-st., Brooklyn. Red Hook Wheelmen—To Rockavay, starting at 2 a. m. from clubhouse, Red Hook.

Montauk Wheelmen—To Rockavay, starting at 5 a. m. from Bedford-ave, Brooklyn.

Long Island Wheelmen—To Boonton, starting at 8 a. m. from Bedford-ave, Brooklyn.

Nass in Wheelmen—To Morristown, starting at 8 a. m. from Bedford-ave, and Ross-st., Brooklyn.

Bushwick Wheelmen—To Amityville, starting at 3 a. m. from No. 841 Lexington-ave, Brooklyn, Greater New-York Wheelmen—To Rath Beach, photograph run, starting at 9.30 a. m. from Statest, Brooklyn.

Logan Wheelmen—To Far Rockaway, starting at 9 a. m. from clubhouse, Brooklyn.

Logan Wheelmen—To Bath Beach and Coney Island, starting at 9 a. m. from clubhouse, Brooklyn.

Brevoort Wheelmen—To Coney Island, starting at 9 a. m. from clubhouse, Brooklyn.

Port Jefferson Cycle Club—To Far Rockaway Starting at 9 a. m. from clubhouse, Brooklyn.

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Williamsburg. Wheelmen—To Riverside Drive, starting at 9.20 a. m. from No. 273 Lorimer-st. Williamsburg.

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Eastern District Wheelmen-To Oyster Bay, starting at 9 a. m. from clubhouse, Brooklyn.

Carroll Park Wheelmen-To Mo ristown, starting at 7:39 a. m. from elubhouse, Brooklyn.

Orange Wheelmen-Random run, starting at 9 a. m. from clubhouse, Orange.

Union County Wheelmen-To Staten Island, starting at 9 a. m. from Rahway.

Arcanum Wheelmen-To Bersonhurst, starting at 9 a. m. from Jersey City.

Guttenburg Wheelmen-To Nyack, starting at 9 a. m. from Jersey City.

Guttenburg Wheelmen-To Hudson County Boulevard, starting at 9:39 a. m. from Cubhouse, Guttenburg.

Castle Point Cyclers-To Hudson County Boulevard, starting at 9:39 a. m. from Park-ave., Hoboken.

boken.
Atalanta Wheelmen—To Bayonne, starting at 9 a.
m. from Halsey-st., Newark
East Orange Cyclers—To Staten Island, starting
at 9 a. m. from clubhouse, East Crange.

Those who visited the tournament at Springfield, Mass., last week have returned to the city enthusiastic in their praise of the splendid management of the meet and the sensational racing Broadway. Solomon complained that Meeker went to his store and bought flowers valued at \$5, giving him in payment a check for \$11 on the Knicker-bocker Trust Company. He asked that the balance of \$5 should be placed to his credit. The check was returned from the Knicker-bocker Trust Company marked "no account," and thereupon Solomon notialined the arrest of Meeker. Subsequently companies were lodged against Meeker by Mme. Marty, who keeps a restaurant at No. 47 West Twenty-fourth-st, and Dr. C. M. Richmond, of No. 78 West Thirty-fifth-st, who underwent the same experience with Meeker's checks as did Solomon.

Meeker said in his defence that he had \$2,000 which he had latended to deposit with the Knickerbocker Trust Company to meet the checks, but that he had been drugged in the Tenderloin and robbed of the whole amount. Meeker is now awaiting trial on ball. At the time of his arrest he had deak room in an office in the Bowling Green Building, and said he lived in Utlea, N. Y.



annual meet of the League of American Wheelmen I have seen cycle racing for many years,

and with the exception of the terrible sprinting in the \$2,000 handicap of the Quill Club Wheelmen. I have never seen such finishes as I did at Springfield. The pace was simply killing all the way through, and few of the great riders but vere left out in some of the important races by failing to qualify in their respective heats. "Considering that the track was not banked, the time made was really remarkable. In the

mile record race, which was won by Bald, the time limit was placed at 2:05. The first half was done in 1:07, and yet the full mile was done in 2:05 1-5. The performance was so good that the referee declared it a race. Bald's hardest brush was in the third-of-a-mile championship, the colored rider, "Major" Taylor, being defeated by colored rider. Major Taylor, being ucteasus, inches. In winning the record race Bald captured this memorable contest for the third time, having won the contest in '94 and '95. Cooper won the race last year after one of the most sensational finishes on record.

Taylor I consider a wonder, and if he keeps his head and trains faithfully he will make a record for himself. He has had much to contend against.

The five-mile national championship for ama-

"The five-mile national championship for amateurs was one of the most trying contests I have ever seen. When one remembers that at Philadelphia Mertens won the five-mile championship for professionals in 10:45, the performance at Springfield can be appreciated when it is considered that an amateur won the race in 10:33 3:5. The race was paced by three singles, and Dawson was 'cooked' at the end of three miles. Each of the pacemakers would pace for half a mile, and in this way the men were kept going at a frightful clip. At the end of the first mile Powell was trailing and had a hard time of it. When the next pace was changed Powell spurted and got in behind the pacemaker. At the head of the homestretch Powell was 'baked,' and he was biceding from the nose. Then that fine trio of New-England riders came through the bunch and captured the first three places. Housman, of New-England riders came through the bunch and captured the first three places. Housman, the winner, is a capital rider, who is hard to leat in races to his liking. The New-England riders had trained faithfully for the Springfield tournament, and they had a decided advantage over the men from this district." "There was another feature," continued the

handicapper, "which seems to have been overlooked. Peabody, the Chicago rider, is said to have done poorly. It is a fact that Peabody did not win a final, yet he made the remarkable record of qualifying in every heat in which he was entered. In the finals he got only a couple of thirds. The Michael-Lesna race was one of the best ever seen in any country, and the result seems to confirm the belief held in many quarters that the midget Welshman cannot be beaten did good work, but no matter how fast Lesna's pacemakers might have been they would have been unable to lose Michael. Twice when Michaer's pacemakers reemed to lag, the wonderful little fellow simply tacked on to Lesna when the latter came around, and he held on until his pacemakers were ready to pick him up again. Michael's performance was really more wonderful than that made by Stocks, the Englishman, for Michael's race was on a flat track. You can judge of the terrific pace when I tell you that it judge of the terrific pace when I tell you that it took half an hour to bring one of Lesna's pacemakers back to the world after the race. The poor fellow had simply collapsed. There was considerable betting on the result, with Michael the favorite at odds of 5 to 4. His trainer had money posted all over the track, and "Birdle" Munger had \$1,700 of Michael money in his high these had a face. There was any number pocket before the race. There was any number of \$25 to \$20 bets around the track, held by vari-ous friends and acquaintances. Dawson rode in the fashion, but 'the Adonis of Boonton' was not fine fashion, but the Adoms of Boolton, was not in perfect condition, and a man not in perfect condition had no business at Springfield. Still, he, like Peanody, qualified in every heat in which he was entered. The races on the high wheel be-tween the veterans Hendee and Rowe were really interesting, and they brought thoughts of long ago back to the veterans when a mile in three minutes on a bicycle was considered a meritorious performance. It was a grand meet, and Springfield can well feel proud of the re-

The politicians of the League of American Wheelmen are getting to work, and some lively times are expected between now and the time for the annual election, both for State and National officials. In this State the friends of President Potter will work hard for the election of the regular ticket, which is headed by Walter S. Jenkins, of Buffalo, for Chief Consul, to succeed Mr. Potter. There has been considerable talk of opposition to Mr. Jenkins, but the opposition seems to depend entirely upon the acceptance of C. E. Sims, jr. Mr. Sims is too elever a politician to allow his name to be used for any such purpose, as he must realize the difficult position in which he would place himself by opposing the regular nominee. President Petter is expected home from Europe this week, when something tangible regarding his andidacy for re-election may be known. Many people are of the opinion that Potter cannot be re-elected to the presidency, but there are possibly as many who are just as confident that he will remain president of the L. A. W. for another term. Potter himself has said nothing regarding his candidacy. A close friend of his put the matter in this terse form the other day: "Personally I do not think that Mr. Potter desires a re-election to the presidency. He has worked earnestly for years in the interests of the L. A. W. and good roads, and he feels that he is entitled to a rest. Still, everybody who knows Potter knows him roads, and he teets that he is selected a fest. Still, everybody who knows Potter knows him to be a fighter. I honestly believe that if the to be a lighter. I honestly believe that if the position was offered him unanimously he would not accept it. While he will not lose his interest in good roads work and in the League, he would much prefer to step aside in the management of affairs and allow somebody else to do the hard work. Then it some one in semi-offiagement of affairs and allow somebody else to do the hard work. Then if some one in semi-offi-cial authority should announce that there was to be a powerful opposition to President Potter, the president is just the sort of a man to say that he is a candidate for re-election and to make it the fight of his life. And how well he can fight when he gets started his enemies will readily testify. Potter has done excellent work, and the records show it, and the candidate who can heat him must be a good one. I have not and the records show the agood one. I have not seen anybody mentioned yet who has any chance against him in a popular vote with the cyclisis all over the country. If any real opposition is shown to Walter S. Jenkins in the fight for the Chief Consulship, then you can expect to see Potter in the thick of the fight."

The four handicap bleyele races to be run off sentiment had much to do with the annual tour- at the Mineola Fair Grounds at the fifty-sixth annual exhibition of the Queens County Agriedly had more to do with the success than sen- cultural Society have filled well. Forty entries have been received for the half-mile, and fortycapper of New-Jerrey, never misses the racing one for the mile, both of which are to take place on Tuesday at 1:10 p. m.

In the two-mile handicap there are twenty eight entered. The race is to be called at 1:15 cisht entered. The race is to be called at 1:15 p. m. on Wednesday, and twenty-three long-distance men are to face the starter for the five-mile handicap, which is slated for Thursday at 1:30 p. m. Charles White, of East Rockaway, will appear in a trick riding act on each of the

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We have sold out the entire product of the Yost Mfg. Co.'s '97 model Gold Crank Falcon Wheel, which we've had on sale since the first of July and which was probably the largest transaction in Bicycles ever made in this country. The Bicycles which the Yost Mfg. Co. offered to make from assembled parts of '94, '95 and '96 models, put together with some minor parts of the '97 models, were not up to our standard, and are consequently not on sale here. We can offer another Bicycle Bargain, however, that eclipses our offering of the Gold Crank Falcon. It is

## A HIGH-GRADE \$100 WHEEL

(WITHOUT THE MANUFACTURER'S NAME-PLATE.)

In women's sizes, \$26.50 In Men's sizes, 24 \$25.50 In women's sizes, and 26, at - - -

The conditions under which we bought these Wheels prevent us from using the maker's name-plate, but gave them to us at a price utterly out of proportion with their cost or value. If we could but announce the maker's name, it is safe to say that the large lot we have on hand at present would hardly last for a half day's selling.

#### THE SPLENDID '97 RICHMOND WHEEL.

In the style listed at \$27.50 \$85.00, is here at --

MODEL 30 FOR MEN.

\$100 > \$35

A FEW OF THE SPECIFICATIONS:

BEARINGS-All ball, adjustable, and

CHAIN-Indianapolis, 34-inch, hardened

rivets, polished.

dust proof.

Listed price

In the style listed at \$100.00 (cushion frame), is \$35.00

### Also Two Other Beautiful Richmond Wheels.

MODEL 31 FOR WOMEN. Listed price \$100 F

BEARINGS-All ball, adjustable, and dust proof.

CUPS AND CONES-Finest tool steel, hardened and tempered. CRANKS-Round pattern, special steel,

634-inch throw. FINISH-Finest black and maroon enamel, hand-polished. Bright parts heavily coppered and

nickel-plated. FRAME-24-inch standard. Options 22-26. 136-inch tubing, 134inch for head, 34-inch for stays and rear braces. Drop forgings, connections reinforced.

GEAR-63 to 80. TIRES-Morgan & Wright, New York, A FEW OF THE SPECIFICATIONS:

CHAIN-Indianapolis, 14-inch, hardened rivets, polished. CUPS AND CONES-Finest tool steel,

hardened and tempered, CRANKS-Round pattern, special steel, 614-inch throw. FINISH-Finest black and maroon en-

amel, hand-polished. Bright parts heavily coppered and nickel-plated. FRAME-22-inch standard. Options 20-24. 136-inch tubing, 134-

inch for head, 34-inch for stays and rear braces. Drop forgings, connections reinforced. GEAR-63 inches standard. Any other

gear specified. TIRES-Morgan & Wright, New York,

Vim or Hartford. Vim or Hartford. In point of finish, workmanship, easy running, durability, or

any of the other factors that go to make the high-grade wheel, The Richmond yields to no other wheel on the market.

## THE '97 DART BICYCLE FOR \$18.75.

There are many Wheels sold at low prices--some at even less than \$18.75. But THE DART is the only GOOD WHEEL we know of at such a remarkably low price.

Men's footless Bicycle Hose, in an excellent quality in a variety of plain or fancy effects, the pair .89

Closing out entire stock of Men's Bicyle Suits, all good styles, were \$5.00 a suit, \$2.98 at - - - -

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three days. A special prize has been offered by the society to the rider who lowers the track rec-ord of 2002-5 (paced), now held by Frank A. Munz, of the Gienmore Wheelmen. Several fast men break leaves for the beautiful productions of the The Good Roads Association of Hudson

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We have lighted the Boulevard and rooted out the dark spots. We have regulated the sprinkling, so that you may ride in your carriage or on your wheel without being covered with mud. We have put signboards up, so that you may find your way to or from any place you want to go. We have given you vot and Mercer sts. where you may find or drive without the bone-shaking accompaniment. And we propose to finish it, too. We have given you the ordinances so that you may ride or drive and have some protection while doing so, and chief Murphy is enforcing them, too. We propose to block the game of the contractor to steal money from the county for wash-outs when he should repair them under his contract. We propose putting a bill through the Lexislature taking the control of the Boulevard from the Board of Freeholders and placing the same in the hands of commissioners appointed by a Suprema Court Justice, and thereby save Hudson County a most beautiful driveway. We want an asphalt connection with the lines of asphalt now being laid in the city of Hoboken, and we will endeavor to have Jersey-ave, asphalted from Hamilton Park north to the city line. A sewer is now being but through Palisadeave, from Newark to Hoboken ave, and we have the promise of the Committee on Streets of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners that said block would be graded and paved. This improvement will be of immense value to that entire section of the city, and will bring the present isolated section north of Hoboken-ave, nearer to our Jersey City business section. A large and representative membership will do more to help the association than anything eise. You will not miss your 50 cents a year, and by enlisting on the roll of membership bas been neglected, and the officers now appeal to each member to use his utmost endeavors to increase the membership mit time to matters as may from time to time appeal to their wiseling before the public officials such aforesaid improvements is t

Cyclists desiring to join the League of American Wheelmen may obtain full printed information and membership blanks by sending names and addresses to the Cycling Editor, The Trib-

A GOLDEN JUBILEE ALBUM. Horace Waters & Co., the well-known piano makers, have just issued a beautiful collection of music called the "Golden Jubilee Album No. 2," which they intend to distribute to those of their customers who falled to get a copy of the original sourceir. The presentation will be made at their wareroom, No. 134 Fifth-ave.

# Skeptical People

can overcome all mistrust of bicycle safety by riding Columbias. The use of 5 per cent Nickel Steel Tubing(only in Columbias) and direct tangent spokes are alone enough to give Columbia bicycles a factor of safety almost beyond the possibility of breakage.

## 1897 COLUMBIAS

\$75 to all alike. STANDARD OF THE WORLD.

Hartford Bicycles. Standard Bred, \$50, \$45, \$40.

POPE MFG. CO., Hartford, Conn. New York Stores : 60th St. and Boulevard.

'96 STEARNS To Close Out

39.50 '97 SPECIAL \$75

TINKHAM CYCLE CO., 306-310 West 59th St.

Railroad-ave., Unionport, has informed the proper authorities at the City Hall, and the fact will be afternoon, at the Pound, he will sell at auction eight geere that are now the property of the city. having been seized when roaming at large, and

Henry H. Dixon, keeper of the Public Pound, is

THE CITY WILL SELL GEESE. The corporation of the city of New-York will be richer next week by the value of eight geese. been reported.